

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Daniel R. Levinson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, General Services Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ASBESTOS CONTAMINATION AND SAFETY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine workplace safety and asbestos contamination, focusing on the combined authority and efforts of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Mine Safety and Health Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency to prescribe and enforce regulations to prevent health risks to workers from exposure to airborne asbestos, after receiving testimony from Senator Baucus; Representative Rehberg; David D. Lauriski, Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health, and R. Davis Layne, Acting Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, both of the Department of Labor; Kathleen M. Rest, Acting Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Richard Lemen, Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia, former Assistant Surgeon General of the United States; John Addison, John Addison Consultancy, Edinburgh, Scotland; Michael R. Harbut, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan, on behalf of the Center for Occupational and Environmental Medicine; Alan Whitehouse, Klock and Whitehouse, Spokane, Washington; Ned Gumble, Virginia Vermiculite,

and David Pinter, both of Louisa, Virginia; and George Biekkola, L'Anse, Michigan.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to revise and extend programs of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, focusing on the challenges confronting the Indian Health Service, tribally-administered health care programs, and urban Indian health care programs with regard to recruiting and retaining health care professionals, after receiving testimony from William C. Vanderwagen, Acting Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Barry T. Hill, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Michael E. Bird, American Public Health Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on behalf of the Friends of Indian Health; Robert Hall, National Council of Urban Indian Health, Washington, D.C.; Anthony Hunter, American Indian Community House, Inc., New York, New York; Carole Meyers, Missoula Indian Center, Missoula, Montana; Martin Waukazoo, Urban Indian Health Board, Inc., San Francisco, California, on behalf of the Native American Health Centers; and Kay Culbertson, Denver Indian Health and Family Services, Denver, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert S. Mueller III, of California, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Feinstein, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2678–2692; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 204, 206–207, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2603, to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area, amended (H. Rept. 107–176, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2460, to authorize appropriations for environmental research and development, scientific and energy research, development, and demonstration,

and commercial application of energy technology programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Energy and of the Office of Air and Radiation of the Environmental Protection Agency, amended (H. Rept. 107–177);

H. Res. 216, providing for consideration of H.R. 4, to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people (H. Rept. 107–178); and

H. Res. 217, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 107–179).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Monsignor John Brenkle, St. Helena Catholic Church of St. Helena, California.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of July 31 by recorded vote of 359 ayes to 44 noes with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 299.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

United States-Jordan Free Trade Area: H.R. 2603, amended, to implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area;

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Veterans Benefits Act of 2001: H.R. 2540, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make various improvements to veterans benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 422 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 301); and

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Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001: H.R. 1140, amended, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 304 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 305).

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Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2002: The House passed H.R. 2647, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 by a yeas-and-nays vote of 380 yeas to 38 nays, Roll No. 298.

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Agreed To:

Rothman amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107–171 that makes available \$75,000 for the installation of compact fluorescent light bulbs in table, floor, and desk lamps; and

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Traficant amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107–171 that prohibits funding to persons or entities convicted of violating the Buy American Act.

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House agreed to H. Res. 213, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Six Month Periodic Report on the National Emergency re Iraq: Message wherein he transmitted

a 6-month report on the national emergency with respect to Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 12722 of August 2, 1990—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–110); and

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Continuance of the National Emergency re Iraq: Read a message from the President wherein he stated that the Iraqi emergency is to continue in effect beyond August 2, 2001—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–111).

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Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2001: The House passed H.R. 2505, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning by a recorded vote of 265 yeas to 162 noes, Roll No. 304.

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Rejected the Lofgren motion that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment that allows the use of human somatic cell nuclear transfer for the development or application of treatments for various diseases including Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's diseases, diabetes and cancer by a recorded vote of 175 yeas to 251 noes, Roll No. 303.

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Pursuant to the rule, agreed to the Committee on the Judiciary amendments now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–170).

Agreed to the Scott amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 107–172 that directs the General Accounting office to conduct a study to assess the need or amendments to the prohibition on human cloning within 4 years after the date of enactment. The study shall include a discussion of new developments in medical technology concerning human cloning and somatic cell nuclear transfer.

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Rejected the Greenwood amendment in the nature of a substitute No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 107–172 that sought to ban the use of human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to initiate a pregnancy but allows the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to clone molecules, DNA, cells, or tissues, requires each individual who intends to perform human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology to register with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and preempts state law that establishes different prohibitions, requirements, or authorizations regarding human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology by a yeas-and-nays vote of 178 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 302.

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H. Res. 214, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 239 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 300.

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Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2001: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 333, to amend title 11, United States Code, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees from the Committee of the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Hyde, Gekas, Smith of Texas, Chabot, Barr of Georgia, Conyers, Boucher, Nadler, and Watt of North Carolina. From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 901–906, 907A–909, 911, and 1301–1309 of the House bill, and sections 901–906, 907A–909, 911, 913–4, and Title XIII of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives Bachus and LaFalce. From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of Title XIV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Tauzin and Representatives Barton of Texas and Dingell. From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of section 1403 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Boehner, Castle, and Kildee.

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Agreed to the Baldwin motion to instruct conferees on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the House bill to agree to title X (relating to protection of family farmers and family fishermen) of the Senate amendment.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:36 p.m. and reconvened at 1:22 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H4950.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4894–95, H4895–96, H4915–16, H4916, H4942–43, H4944–45, H4945, and H4966. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:23 a.m. on Wednesday, August 1.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel approved for full Committee action H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

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Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Research and Development approved for full Committee action H.R. 2586, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on the Dawn of Learning: What's Working in Early Childhood Education. Testimony was heard from Eugene W. Hickok, Under Secretary, Department of Education; and Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

REWARDING PERFORMANCE IN COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 1602, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CURRENT ISSUES BEFORE—FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Current Issues Before the Financial Accounting Standards Board. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ANALYZING THE ANALYSTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on Analyzing the Analysts II: Additional Perspectives. Testimony was heard from Laura Unger, Acting Chairman, SEC; and public witnesses.

AIR TRAVEL—CUSTOMER PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on Air Travel-Customer Problems and Solutions. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Donna McLean, Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer;